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| For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, |) | |
| CONTROL METHOD OF IMAGE | : | |
| PROCESSING APPARATUS, AND |) | |
| STORAGE MEDIUM | : | January 26, 2006 |

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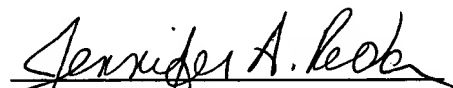
Sir:

Applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee(s) Due and an accompanying Notice of Allowability from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in the above-identified application. However, the Notice of Allowability did not acknowledge Applicant's Claim to Priority or the USPTO's receipt of the foreign priority documents in this application. A Claim to Priority and certified copies of the two priority documents were filed in the above-identified Application on March 20, 2001. Receipt of the same was acknowledged by the Examiner in the Office Action dated July 26, 2004. Nonetheless, because acknowledgment

of the Claim to Priority and of receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents is not noted on the Notice of Allowability, out of an abundance of caution, Applicants request acknowledgment of priority to ensure that the proper priority data is printed on the cover page of the issued patent.

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